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This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. The following applications are commonly owned, co-pending applications:

U.S. Pat. Appl. SN 09/564,952, filed May 4, 2000 – Robert C. Barrett;

U.S. Pat. Appl. SN 09/567,099, filed May 8, 2000 – Ronald B. Berringer *et al.*; and

U.S. Pat. Appl. SN 09/870,709, filed June 1, 2001 – William Ward, Jr. *et al.*

The above-mentioned applications are considered proprietary and are listed for consideration in accordance with M.P.E.P. §724.

This Information Disclosure Statement is not intended as an admission either that the listed applications constitute prior art against the claims of the present application or that the listed applications are material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

Applicants do not waive the right to take appropriate action to antedate these listed applications, or prior art cited with respect to such documents, that does not constitute a statutory bar and that is applied against the claims of the present application, or to otherwise remove such documents as competent references. Applicants assume that the examiner will have access to all of the references cited in the listed applications. However, if the examiner wishes applicants to submit copies of each of the references cited in the listed applications, the examiner is encouraged to inform applicants.

#### TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b) prior to the mailing date of the first official action.

#### RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The above-mentioned applications are being disclosed as possible related co-pending U.S. applications. Applicants respectfully request that the listed applications be considered by the Examiner, but that such applications be treated as proprietary information in accordance with M.P.E.P. §724.

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Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

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Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

In addition, applicants are aware that Fisher Price manufactured a Safe Embrace II car seat that was LATCH compatible; however, applicants cannot locate any detailed information about the car seat's LATCH compatible system. The Fisher Price Safe Embrace II car seat was available pre-February 2002, but applicants believe it has been discontinued. Applicants have attached a photograph of the Fisher Price Safe Embrace II car seat as document A43.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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